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Martin Herz came to see me this morning. I told him what a good piece of work I thought he had done on his history of the EDC (although I disagree with some of his analysis). I intend at once to write to the Department commending it. He will be a great loss here. In a couple of months he is to take up his duties in a Consulate on the west coast of Japan.

Bert Jolis called on me and I talked to him about Communism in Africa, regarding which he had given me a new memorandum bringing up to date our previous discussions on the subject. Having lost the game against Communism in considerable degree both in Asia and Europe, Bert and I think it is high time we tried to cope with its rising tide in Africa.

I took Preston Grover to lunch at the Restaurant Calvet. He is a fine fellow.

Martin H[illegible]enbrand showed me two telegrams that are going from USRO today to Washington about the French proposal to be submitted at the London Conference. As now written, this proposition is undesirable on quite a few counts.

Lee Van Starkenborgh came in and told me the Dutch Government's initial reaction to the French proposal was unfavorable since it did not deal with the question of German admission to NATO, as well as in other particulars. Lee very much dislikes the emphasis placed on the Brussels Pact and thinks whatever is done through it should be confined to a minimum. Diminution of NATO activities should be avoided, and NATO should undertake as far as possible whatever operations may be necessary as a result of obtaining a military contribution from Germany. He said he had discussed this matter with Kit Steel, who had told him the British view was different from that of the French, and had summarized the British attitude as being that engagements would be taken in the Brussels Pact and execution in NATO.

Harold Callender called on me. He had been away for ten days on vacation in Switzerland, where he ruminated on the past, present and future of French politics. He is not familiar with the French proposal, but thinks the Government

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will have a difficult time if it submits German membership in NATO on a non-discriminatory basis to the French Parliament.

We went to dinner tonight at the Windsors'. Edith Baker and Charlie Cushing, whom I had not seen for years, were there, as well as Martha Slater and other old friends. After dinner, a portion of the Monseigneur orchestra played and there was various entertainment, including some good crooning by Susie Gardner.

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